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Organization of the Enemies of

the Union in the North.

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CHAPTER VI.

KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN CIRCLE IN A BARN IN INDIANA.

"The loss of little Sarah had spread such a gloom over our household that I felt a desire to be out at David's farm, away from the house, as much as possible. Peter also seemed much depressed and showed a great desire to return to his regiment. On one occasion, when Ham and I returned in the evening, the conversation drifted in the direction of the absent ones in the army, and to Harvey, who fell at the battle of the Gaps. My wife at once alluded to her dream, which seemed to be preying silent, but I noticed that he dropped a tear. After a moment he said:

"'Mother, you ought not to be constantly thinking of your strange dream. You will bebe nothing sure in dreams, and if there was, you can only discover it in the future. The war will reveal it all to you should there be anything in it.'

"Ham must speak; it was thought by him to be his time. "'Yes, missus, de wah 'splain it all. Massa Peter and me talk 'bout dat. No danger come

out ob dreams, you know.' "'Why, Ham,' said Aunt Sarah, 'I thought you dreamed about Peter, and said he was all right. You assured us of it; and you said that

you always knew by your dreams when matters were all right.' "'Yeas, yeas, missus; but, you see, I be fool on dat. You see, Massa Peter come back wid a so' foot, shot up putty bad. I got fool on dat dream. You see, Marfa allers tells me 'bout de dreams. So you see, I jes' thought I could tell,

Marfa, she know, she do. She tell you all 'bout dem when she comed.' "Then he laughed a regular darky laugh, as I found he was sure to do, if he concluded that he had drawn you off on a 'false scent,' or

too. I miss it. Yeas, I miss him dat time.

heard anything that pleased him. "Aunt Sarah was relieved. The fact that Ham admitted that he was humbugged by his own dream seemed to quiet her nerves; so she did not allude to her dream again for a great while. But I could see plainly that Peter was very much depressed whenever allusion was made to it. O, it was prophetic, 'twas a revelation of dire calamities to follow us, one after

"I could see it all when time unfolded the an answer so long; and yet no answer comes that pass for the present.

"The next morning I sent Ham to the farm on horseback to bring some vegetables. Early in the forenoon we heard a noise as if the running of a horse down the street, and looking out saw Ham coming under heavy pressure, with sails spread. I ran out on the porch, and Ham pulling in opposite the little yard gate, I called to him and asked what was the trouble. The old darky was so scared that he stammered and made motions, but I could get nothing of an intelligent character from him. I made him dismount, tie up his horse, and come in. By this time the family were all out inquiring into the trouble. Ham sat down on the edge of the porch near the entrance and fanned himself rolling down his face. He seemed to be in great distress. Finally, Jennie said to him:

"' Ham, where is the lettuce, the asparagus, and the butter we sent you after?' "Ham, finding by this time that he was not dead, essayed to speak. He raised himself to his full hight.

"'Wy! Wy! Yeas! Yeas! De-de-de-dey done gone! "'Gone where?' asked Jennie.

"'Dey done gone on de road, missus. I jes' tell you-uns, dey's "Sesh" in heah. 'Spec dey got dem; dey eat dem for dey dinnah. Dey got dem, "'Well, what about the "Sesh," as you call

"'O, I tole you all 'bout dem. 'Fore de Laud,

I mus' res' fast. I is powerful tired, missus-I

"' Well, Ham, put up your horse and get over more to the satisfaction of all what has hap-

pened to you.' "'Yeas, missus, I 'spect dat am de bes' way.' "So, when Ham had cooled off, we had him

give us his experience. He said : "Well, Massa Daniel, I jes go to de farm and dar seed Mr. Joseph Dent, the man who fellers down de road dar?" I looked | might keep a watch on me here.' and seed 'em, and say "Yes, sah." Den he say,

mos' wostest lookin' deciplinous "Sesh" you eber did see wid yo' eyes. Dey had ole brown

oners, I have no doubt, from some place, and are hunting their way South.' "'Yes, sah,' said Ham; 'dat's it; dey'scape and is gwine back to de reb's army, sho'; dat's who dey is. I know'd dey was "Sesh."'
"'Well, go on Ham; tell us the rest,' said

Aunt Sarah. I was so much amused at Ham's

story that I kept rather quiet. "'Well,' said Ham, 'den dey took de hoss by de bridle and made me git off. I s'posed dey was gwine to take de hoss, but dey looked de hoss ober, and say he no good, and gib de hoss back. I got on and dey-all pull out pistols and telled me to "git;" dat's wa't dey say, and sho' you bo'n, I git,-an' de lettice go one way, de 'sparagrass go anoder way, and eggs go de Lord knows whar—to swash, I reckon. Dey all gone, sho', an' I's hyar. Dey shoot when I

the Traitorous go. I 'spect I be kill; but I'm hyar, sho'; dis is ole Ham; he 'scape.'
"We all laughed—in fact, could not help it. I told Ham that I would go out with him the next day and we would see about this matter. Ham withdrew, scratching his head and looking very serious.

"The next day I had the horses hitched to the wagon, and Peter feeling that he had so far recovered that he could stand the ride, we went out together. When we came to the place where Ham had met his three suspicious lookground, but could not see much evidence of anything else.

"Ham said but little. Finally, I asked him which direction his friends had gone from here. He at once pointed the way, saying, 'Doesn't you see de track? Dar he go. Turn

'roun' and go back de same way he come.'
"We could see something that looked like that might be so, but not enough to be very satisfactory. However, we went along. When we upon her mind almost constantly. Peter was arrived at the farm and found Joseph Dent we had Ham relate his experience. Joseph Dent said to come in the house. When we had all been seated, Joseph said: "'Well. I have no doubt as to the truth of



HAM ENCOUNTERS THE REBELS.

here last night and forced me to let them stay in the house. I was not very fearful of their doing me any harm, as I was watchful. My partner and myself could have handled them if they had made any demonstration. We gave them their suppers and a mug of ale and got mystery, as it did, in regular order. It was a | them going, and found that they were escaped warning so strangely imparted. But why, rebels, who had been in prison camp at Indianwhy this warning? and why the calamities? | apolis. They told us that there was a plot to That is the question that has been demanding | let all the prisoners loose and to raise an army out of their friends North to commence war that seems to satisfy my mind. Well, well, let | here, and in that way to have the rebellion succeed.'

> "Peter inquired how they came to tell so much about their plans.

"Joseph answered that he and his partner pretended to them that they were in full sympathy with the rebellion, and were staying here only to have the influence of Col. David to keep them out of the Union army, and that if compelled at any time to join either army they would join the rebels.

"'Where have they gone?' inquired Peter. "'They have gone into the country some 20 miles, to Collins Grove. There is to be a political meeting there to-morrow, and they expect, as they told us, that Thomas A. Strider, of Indianapolis, and Dan Bowen, also of Indiana, with his hat. Great drops of perspiration were | were to be there, and through one of them they thought they could obtain aid; that while in prison they had been initiated into a society called the "Knights of the Golden Circle," which was a secession organization, organized as an auxiliary force to the rebel army; that Dan Bowen was one of their main men, and socalled "Agitator"; that Thomas A. Strider was Chief Counselor to the organization in Indiana; was to be in Washington most of the time to watch things" and to defend them at all times when any of their order should be ar-

rested or in any danger.' "Peter and I went out to the barn and talked the matter over, and thought that in such a case as this we would be justified in resorting to any means or strategy to discover this secret organization and ascertain the designs of its members. We concluded to get Joseph Dent, who was an old soldier, and very bright, with an excellent memory, to join it and find out your fright, and then perhaps you can explain all that he could about the organization. Agreeing to this, Peter hobbled back on his crutches. He being a soldier made the proposition to Dent, which he readily acceded to,

"'I had thought of that myself, but feared you might take me to be too intimate with these people. I call them Secessionists and takes keahr of de place. He fix up de littis, de rebels. I think, that if you agree, I will go 'sparagrass, and de eggs; and when dey all fix up down to this meeting to-morrow, and when I from Washington requesting me to come to an ultimate recognition of the so-called Con-missioned as a Brigadier General.

I git ready to come home. He says, "Ham, you | come back will come to Allentown, as they | "With this understanding we returned, in-"Dey bad man's, dey is; kase dey's done bin structing Joseph Dent to stay as long as might heah all de mornin' lookin' round like dey | become necessary, in order to learn all that he wants sumfin, and I watch 'em close; if dey | could of the design of these people. After getbodders me dey ketch it, sho;" dat's what he ting our supplies in the wagon we returned say! I done tole Mr. Dent dat I not feared. home. On arriving we found all feeling very But dat was a story, kase me was some skea'd. joyful over the fact that Col. Anderson would I gits on de hoss and comed right on jes' be home in the course of a week. He had so like I wa'n't skea'd at all. I rides slow doe, kase | written to me. Aunt Sarah had opened and as how I wa'n't sho' 'bout dem mans. So I gits | read the letter. Little Mary was so delighted bout half way down de road home and dem | that she ran out and tried to tell us all that her mans-dar war free of dem; yes, dar war father had written. She would talk and stamfree, sho',-dey jes' steps right in de road afore | mer and draw a long breath, and commence me and de hoss. I say "Good mornin'," and again, and so repeat until I had to tell her to takes off my hat like a gemman. Dey say rest and begin slowly. When we got in we "Whar you goin', nigga?" Den I know'd who beard all. The two children were delighted at dey is. When dey say "nigga," dat's nuff for | the prospect of seeing Aunt Martha almost as dis child. I know'd dey be "Sesh." Dat's what | much as seeing the Colonel and his brave wife. "Sesh" all call us-"niggas." I tells you, den Peter and I had to keep quiet about our pro-I's skea'd. One ob dem say, "What you got gram with Joseph Dent, and therefore dis-dar, nigga?" "I say wegetables for de house." cussed other matters. During the evening Den dey say, "Who house?" I tole dem Peter concluded that he would not attempt re-Massa Daniel. Den dey say, "Dat ole Lyon? turning to his regiment until Col. Tom should dat ole Ablishner? dat ole scoun'el what want | arrive, so that he could arrange about the to whip de Souf? to free de niggas'mongstus?" | command and take some word back to Col. I say, "Don' know bout dat. Massa Lyon not say | Rice. (I said not one word about Tom's commisnuffin to me 'bout dat." Den dey say, "Whar | sion as Brigadier, but continued the suggestion you come from, anyhow?" I tole 'em I comed that Col. Rice could not think of doing otherfrom up hyar in de State whar Massa Daniel | wise than turning over the command to Col. comed from. Den dey swar dat I a liar; dat | Anderson.) Just then the post-boy came again dey know'd Massa Daniel; dat he fetched no with a letter. I opened it and found it to be niggas hyar from 'Hio. Den when dey say from my son Jackson, at St. Paul, Minn., (where "'Hio," golly, I be glad; kase I couldn't smell he resided and was engaged in railroad buildout de name afore; forgot him clar, sho'. Den I | ing.) stating that he considered it his duty to say I comed from 'Hio awhile ago, an' stay wid enter the service of his country. Being young you, kase I know'd you back dar in 'Hio. Den | and healthy, he said, no patriot in this crisis, dey ax me w'at town I comed from. Den dey got me. I skea'd den. One of dem say, "O, he a d—d fool; he not know nuffin." I say, "Yes, sah, sho'; dat's fac'. I doesn't know such persons, 'Why did you not go to the war nuffin bout dem mattars what you say." Den and fight for your country?' Poor boy, if he dey laff. Yes, sah, dey laff. I start on. Den were living now he would ask himself the

for the time. She was so worried about our jeans coat and britches. Dey look like de so, inasmuch as she did not see me get the letter. A couple of days passed and Joseph Dent many years in Ohio prior to my leaving the came to our house. After seeing and speaking state. We were all seated, and after some hometo Jennie about the farm and her interests generally, and telling Aunt Sarah about Ham's scare and joking him somewhat, he spoke to Peter and myself, and said that he wanted to

see us alone. "We all went out to the barn, and there he told us all that he had heard and seen-that he had gone to Collins Grove; that there was a large political meeting there; that Dan Bowen spoke in the most excited manner of the wrongs and outrages, as he termed them, of the vile Abolition administration; that the Union soldiers were mere hirelings; that he hoped none of his party would join the Abolition army to assist in robbing and murdering our brethern down South. (Dent had noted these sayings in his memorandum; he was a man of fair education and a close observer.) Bowen was vociferously applauded during his remarks. Thos. A. Strider spoke also; but he was not so vehement and abusive as Bowen, but was equally strong against the war for the Union. Strider spoke of the war being an unholy war on our part, and all the acts of Congress and the President being 'unauthorized and unconstitutional,' and that the war would be a failure and ought to be; that he would | ever lived.' not see money appropriated, if in his power to prevent, to carry it on; that if the Government undertook to draft his friends in Indiana ing friends we examined the spot, found Ham's | as soldiers, he would defend any of them (free lettuce, etc., scattered somewhat over the of charge) that resisted such an unconstitutional proceeding. He continued in this vein applauded by the majority of the audience. But, continuing, he stated that on that day he came across the three escaped prisoners heretofore mentioned, and staid with them during the speeches and agreed to all that was said, so as to satisfy them of his strict adherence to their principles. They said to him that if he saved. We will accept no more recruits from laughs. would remain that night they would initiate | the Lyon family.' him into their mysterious organization. He acceded to their proposition without hesitation, and remained—not leaving them for an instant. In the evening, shortly after dark, they were all conducted to a large empty barn near by, come morbid on the subject, unless you drive it from your mind. There is nothing in it and purposes of the Knights of the Golden Circle. When he was through explaining the administered to all who had not before been admitted and obligated. Dent, being one who

had not before joined, with others took the obligation, and was then instructed in the signs, grips and passwords. He said that he played it pretty well, so that he was thoroughly instructed, and kept repeating to himself, so that he might not forget any part. The obligation pledged them to use every possible means in their power to aid the rebels to gain their independence; to aid and assist prisoners to escape; to vote for no one for office who was not opposed to the further prosecution of the war; to encourage desertions from the Union army; to protect the rebels in all things necessary to carry out their designs, even to the burning and destroying of towns and cities, if necessary, in order to produce the desired result. They were also directed to give information at all times of any knowledge they might have of the movements of our armies, and of the coming of soldiers to their homes; to use their influence to prevent their return to the army. They were not even to disclose the murder of any returned soldier or Union man, if done by any one belonging to this organization. They were told in the instructions

that men were sent into our prisons to obligate

and instruct all prisoners, so that they could

make themselves known in traveling, should

they escape; also, that the organization ex-

tended into Canada, as well as every State in

the North; that men in our army belonged to it, who would retreat in battle, or surrender whenever they could do so; they could always make themselves known to the rebel commanders; that the members were in every way possible to foment jealousies and ill-feeling between the Eastern and Western troops, and especially between the commanding Generals of the two sections; they were to encourage the Western volunteers not to allow themselves to be commanded by Eastern officers, and especially were they to tickle the fancy and pride of the Eastern officers and men, by encouraging them not to allow themselves to be subjected to the control of the uneducated men of the West,-in short, every kind and character of argument was to be resorted to. In the event of failure, any other means, no matter what, was to be employed to cause failure on our part and success on theirs. Peter wrote down every word told us by Dent, being very careful about the signs and passwords. This being done, we cautioned Dent to be extremely careful in his conversations with others, and to never speak of this organization to any one, for fear that he might get into trouble or suffer good day and left for home. We returned to the house and there read over Peter's memorandum carefully, and studied the signs and passwords so as to fully comprehend them. This, to us, was a serious question. Peter felt as though there was much in this to cause our country great trouble in addition to what was already upon us. I said to Peter that I would at once write to the President and send him all the statements as they were made to us by Dent, as well as suggest to him the necessity of having this conspiracy (as it was noting less)

also suggested the arrest and trial of all that could be found who were engaged in getting up these organizations. I soon received a letter, not from the President, but from another, which satisfied me that my letter had been received by the one for whom it was intended. "Very soon the whisperings and newspaper cossip showed plainly that there were jealousies in the Army of the East as well as in the Army of the Center. Officers were complaining of each other, and some were charging ill-treatment on the part of the Administration, showing clearly that there were influences silently

ferreted out at once, which I did that day, and

no one but Peter and my wife holding the secret of my leaving home at this time. When I arrived at Washington I proceeded to the Exccutive Mansion, sent in my name, and was at once admitted. The President met me most cordially, and asked me to be seated. He wrote and sent a note out by a messenger, then turned to me and entered into conversation about the health of our people, the crops of the country, and the sentiments I found generally held among the people of the West in reference to the war. I said to him that among the Union people there was but one sentiment, and that was that the last man and last dollar must be exhausted, if necessary, to put down the re-

"Lyon, my good friend, I am exceedingly glad to hear that. I have been hearing curious stories about your part of Indiana. Your Governor seems to fear trouble in your State from some cause.

and said:

"'My dear Mr. President,' I said, 'do not misunderstand me. I do not mean to say our people are united; it is only the Union people I had reference to. There is a strong party in the State who are utterly opposed to the prosecution of the war, and they are led on by very strong and influential men.' "' Yes,' said the President, 'this man Strider

is at the head of that party. He is a smoothtalking fellow-rather an "Oily Gammon." very shrewd, and hard to catch at any open or overt act. He has a way of setting others on

"Just at this point in the conversation the Secretary of War came in. The President was dey say, "Nigga, stop dat hoss." De hoss stop. question: 'Why did I go; for what did I peril going to introduce me.
Yes, sah, den I be orful skea'd. O, dey was de my life?' Yes! yes! "No introduction is necessary, Mr. Presi-

the man correctly,' was my reply.

"Well, I kept this from my wife, Aunt Sarah, dent,' said the Secretary; 'this is one of my old uphold an unholy cause.'"

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> know of anyone who could give him that information better than myself. "'By the way,' said he, 'what about your nephew, Anderson? He must be a glorious fellow and a good soldier. Of course, you received the commission that the Secretary and I sent

the situation in the rear of the army out West,

you for him?' "'Yes! thanks to you, Mr. President. He is improving very fast. His wound will soon be well, and he will then be ready for the field

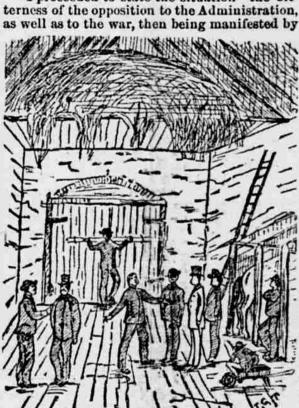
again.' "'Tell him,' said the President, 'that I will watch his career with great interest. Coming from where he does, he must have good metal in him to face his friends and relatives in taking the stand he has.'

"'Yes, sir,' said I; 'he is a true man, and his wife, though a Southern woman, is one of the noblest of her sex, and as true a patriot as

"'Your family are nearly all soldiers, I believe, Mr. Lyon,' said the Secretary. "'Yes, Mr. Secretary; I had seven sons-five are in the army, one was killed at the battle of the Gaps, and the seventh is on his way from St. Paul to join it. God knows I have some for an hour. These utterances were loudly interest in our success, and I will go myself at any time should it be necessary.' The President here interrupted:

"No, Mr. Lyon, you must not. You have done enough. If this Government cannot be saved without the eighth one of your family putting his life in peril at your age, it cannot be

"The President then asked me to give to the Secretary and himself the situation in the West as nearly as I could, and especially in Indiana. "I proceeded to state the situation-the bitterness of the opposition to the Administration,



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the anti-war party, or, lo other words, by the Democratic party as an arganization; the organized lodges of the Golden Circle, their objects and designs, the influence they were to bring to bear, how they were to operate and in what directions, the jealousies they were to engender between the officers of the East and the West; the fact that they were to release prisoners and to destroy towns and cities in the North, should it become necessary.

"The President and Secretary both listened with grave attention, and seemed to fully comprehend the situation.

"The President finally said:

"'Mr. Secretary, this is a very serious matter, and is becoming more so every day.' "'Yes,' replied the Secretary; 'you know, Mr. President, that we have talked this over heretofore, but this revelation seems startling. I can begin to see where the influence partly comes from that gives us so much trouble with some of the officers of the Eastern army. At first I was induced to believe that it was jealousy of each other, but I am beginning to think it comes from political influences in opposition to the Administration, having a desire to change the policy of the Government in reference to the war. Each of several of the senior officers in different commands act as though they thought more of promotion and being assigned to large commands than of the success in some way from its members. Dent bade us of our cause. They will not serve under any but their own selection of commanders-at least, make opposition to doing so. There seems to be a little coterie of them that think no one is suitable to command but themselves. They have not been very successful so far, and act as though they were determined that no one else should be. We have relieved their chief and brought a new man to the field, and I do believe that some of these men will not give him a cordial support. We must wait quietly, however, for developments. One thing is strange to me, and that is that I find these complaining gentlemen all have been and now are in sympathy with the party which is found in a great degree opposing the war. I do not mean by this to impeach their patriotism, but to suggest that the influences that work upon them and flatter their vanity by suggestions of Presidency, Cabinets, head of the army, future power, greatness, etc., are not coming from the people or party that is in full accord with the Administration and in favor of such a prosecu-

tion of the war as will insure ultimate success.' "'Well,' said the President, 'we are in their power at the present, and their demands upon the Administration are of a character to induce that city. I prepared for the trip. Bidding federacy; but, gentlemen, they will not sucgood-by to our family, and requesting Peter | ceed.' (This he said with much warmth.) 'I will not to leave until I should return, I was off, not let them succeed. The Lord, in his own for two reasons: first, that Col. Anderson has good time, will raise up and develop some man | been promoted, and, second, that it leaves our of great genius as a commander, and I am now | regiment intact. patiently waiting for that time. I cannot put these men aside now. The country would sympathize with them and feel that I do not know on the table that morning and she shouted out as much about war as they; but they will tell 'Glory! Dat's jes' what I sed; dat de good the tale on themselves very soon, and then we | Laud was gwine to keep Massa Tom for some them. This war must go on for some time yet spread, as they seem to be doing, in the West, bellion. He grasped me by the hand warmly where a great portion of our troops must come from, and the people should once get the idea very soon.' fixed in their minds that the war must be a serious question. And should the people prounderstanding with those who come into power nized, and that will be the end.'

result?' I asked. "'No, sir,' responded the President: 'I was only putting the worst side of the case-just as I would look at the worst side of a client's case in court. The people of this country love this Republic too well to see it go down marred and it so long as there is one patriot left qualified

mentioned were attempted, and an organization completed for the purpose. They accomplished a part of their hellish design, but they did not succeed to the extent contemplated. had sent for the Secretary of War, for the pur-pose of having a full conference in reference to "But to return to the conversation with the President and Secretary:

"The President then asked me if I would, in and that from my letter to him he did not my own way, further ferret out what was being done by this organization in the West and post him by reports in writing as often as I could conveniently do so.

"I responded that I would not go into the lodges myself, but I would, in all ways that I could consistently, through others, obtain information and send him. "'This,' he said, 'was all that he could ask

me to do, situated as I was.' "This being all that was desired, the Secretary of War made me out a pass authorizing me to enter any and all of our lines or camps of prisoners, to visit any and all hospitals-in fact, to go to and pass through all places under military control in the United States. With this pass in my pocket I bade good-by to the President and Secretary and left for home.

"When I reached there I found that Col. Anderson, his wife, and old Aunt Martha had arrived. The family had a joyful meeting and had become settled down. All were glad to see me. Col. Tom, his wife, and Aunt Martha had many pleasant things to relate—how Tom re- "Late in the evening the form of a tall, wellmany pleasant things to relate-how Tom recovered so rapidly; how kind Col. Harden had been; what a good man Surg. Long was; how a band of rebels came down the river to old 'Father, how are you?' I saw it was my son George's farm, where Tom had been so long; Jackson, from St. Paul, Minn. After hearty how they were surprised and captured by one greetings, I introduced him to Gen. Anderson of Col. Harden's reconnoitering parties, and that they said they were sent to take Mr. and the meeting between mother and son was George's property away and to bring with them old Ham and Aunt Martha. Old Ham, being

"'Ah! He-ogh. Fo' de good Laud, dat's de time dey miss der cotch. Dis darky was done gone when dey comed. I know'd dey'd be dar sometime for dis cat, and Marfa, too. I tells you, dey want her, dey do. She know how to cook and do things, she do. Be a cole day when dey staff officers. This was readily acceded to by he is doing. All are required to make daily gits dis cat agin, sho's you bern'd.' "Aunt Martha came in and said to Ham:

"'What you doin' heah, Ham?' wid Massa Daniel. You knows I did.' "'Yes, Maria, dat's so. I tole dem all de lives. time dat you knews de bes'. Don't I, Massa

Daniel? "'Oh, yes, Ham,' I said. 'You always speak well of Martha, and what she knows.' "Deed I do, Marfa; dat's so; I does, all de

"' Dat's all right den, Ham. I forgib you all what you do, so you jes' git out in de kitchen; dar's whar you b'long. Dese folks spile you ef dey don't mine deyselves.'

The family, or a considerable portion of them, again being together, we naturally drifted in our conversation to the war, it being uppermost in everybody's mind at that time; so I found an opportunity to tell Col. Anderson and Peter all about my trip, what had occurred, and what I had promised to do. Peter said that I would have to be very cautious, and that the first thing was to understand whether or not the Postmaster here could be trusted. Should he allow it to be discovered that I was frequently communicating with the President, the enemies at Allentown would manage in some way to discover my communications, and thereby my life might be in danger.

"I knew the Postmaster, however, and that he could be trusted; so that part of the matter was settled. "Col. Anderson suggested that we be not in

haste to settle the arrangements; that it was of

such importance that a little reflection would do no harm; so we laid the matter over for the "Uncle Daniel," said Col. Bush, "we who were in the army felt the influence of the Knights of the Golden Circle. There was one time during the war when we would have hundreds of desertions in a night; nor could we stop it for a considerable length of time. We finally discovered that the people opposed to the war were engaged in every possible way in influencing the relatives of the soldiers.

They would sometimes get their wives to write

about their sufferings, sickness in their fami-

lies, and in every way that it could be done they were rendered dissatisfied." "Yes," said Maj. Clymer, "that is true in every respect. Part of my command deserted, and I have found out since the war that they were induced to do so by these very influences. "The situation at that time was very critical," said Dr. Adams. "I remember well when mobs were organized and when soldiers were shot down on the road in this vicinity while

returning to their commands after being home on a leave of absence." "O, yes, those were perilous times for all who were in favor of their country's success. Returning, however, to family matters: The next morning, after Peter, Anderson and myself had talked the matter of my Washington trip over, when we sat down to breakfast Col. Anderson found a paper under his plate. All eyes turned upon him, and he turned his upon the paper. He read it, and looked at meas though he understood it all. The great tears rolled down his cheeks and he said not one word, but handed it to his wife, supposing that the rest knew of it. She jumped up from the table and threw her arms around my neck and wept for joy. This procedure seemed to puzzle the rest of the family, as they were totally ignorant of the contents of

the paper. "'Mother,' exclaimed Peter, 'what is all this?' "Col. Anderson said: 'Aunt, do you not know

"' No, indeed,' she replied. "I then revealed the secret of my keeping at work. About this time I received a note | the belief that they are preparing the road to | the fact quiet about Tom having been com-"Peter at once said: 'Well, that settles the mestion in our regiment; and I am truly glad

what it is?"

"All congratulated the Colonel and were happy over it. Old Aunt Martha was waiting

will be completely justified in getting rid of big thing, so he do good. I know'd it.' them. This war must go on for some time yet "We all felt that it was due him and all were if the Union is to be restored, and I have faith glad. Upon looking up I discerned tears in that it will be; but I am just now bothered | Jennie's eyes. I knew in a moment her thoughts, more about the condition in the rear than in | but said not a word. Her darling child, Sarah, the front; that will come out all right in time. had died, and of course she was sensitive and But if these Golden Circle organizations easily touched. After breakfast I took the first opportunity to say to her: 'My dear child, don't

"This seemed to cheer her up, and al failure, and a fire in the rear is started of great | went on well and pleasantly. No one seemed proportions, then what? Then will come the to understand Jennie's tears but myself, and I was very quiet on the subject. Sure enough, nounce at the next election against a further | the very next day she got a letter from David prosecution of the war, there will be a secret | telling her that he had been promoted and | Announcement is made of the dread, pre-ordained assigned to the command of a brigade. This that the so-called Confederacy is to be recog- made us all doubly happy, and caused us to forget, for the time, our grief. The two children "'But, Mr. President, do you look for such a did not quite understand all this. But Aunt Martha, to whom the children had become very devoted, was in her peculiar way explaining it all to the children, and yet she knew but little more about it than they did, and between her explanations and their understanding of it,

made it amusing enough. overt act. He has a way of setting others on and keeping out himself. At least, I should so conclude from what I have seen and know of him.'

"Yes, Mr. President, you have estimated"

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"Two days afterwards Peter left for his command. He had been buying cloves at retail, and at the depot made some remarks, while his meek wife prevented the children field of Pittskill Landing. He folt as though the bills of any given denomication, issued by mand, which was still encamped on the battle-field of Pittskill Landing. He folt as though the bills of any given denomication, issued by mand, which was still encamped on the battle-field of Pittskill Landing. He folt as though the could do camp duty if no more. When he from getting mixed up with the immigrants, and Golden Circles of the North cannot destroy left, however, he wore the same sad counter."

"I ain't afeered of the biggest man that walks," are all alike, except the name of the bank and nance that had become fastened upon him since

able to be a leader before our flag will go down in gloom and disgrace. This they may try. "Col. Anderson was still very weak, but was nervous about the future and extremely anxious

dams.

"Yes, it was really so. The very things nentioned were attempted, and an organizaregiment, as one of his Aids-de-Camp. The order for the detail, in accordance with his wishes, he soon received, but delayed sending it forward, leaving Capt. Day with Col. Harden until such time as the General should be able to be assigned to duty. In talking over with Gen. Anderson the situation and the mission I had to perform, we concluded, inasmuch as he was only slightly known through the West, MAKERS OF THE "QUEER." that he could travel through Ohio, Indiana and Illinois on a prospecting tour and be less liable to suspicion than myself, known as I was in The Exploits of Some Famous many parts of the country, and that the journey was just what he needed to give him strength. Preparatory to his undertaking the expedition we thought proper to visit Joseph Deut on the farm, and have the General more fully posted in

the mysteries of the Golden Circle. We at once THE ROGUES' GALLERY, repaired to the farm. While there Dent instructed him thoroughly, he having it at his tongue's end, as he had been meeting with the Circle frequently in the neighborhood, under Peter's and my advice. Gen. Anderson carefully wrote down everything in his pocket memorandum book, and after frequently going over the signs, manipulations, passwords, etc., with Dent, we left for home. All the preliminaries were then arranged, so that the General was to start as soon as he considered himself sufficiently strong

proportioned man appeared at the door and rapped. I said 'Come.' He entered, saying, 'Father, how are you?' I saw it was my son and wife. Aunt Sarah soon entered the room, most touching. In the conversation that ensued Jackson soon disclosed the fact that he was on present, broke out in one of his characteristic his way to join the army somewhere, not enlaughs. by to pay us a visit first.

"Gen. Anderson seemed at once to take a fancy to Jackson, and proposed that he make application for a Captaincy in the Regular Army and be assigned to him as one of his my son. The papers were made out, and Jackson started for Washington the next morning "'What you doin' heah, Ham?'
"'I's sympensizen wid dem "Sesh" what understanding being that he was to return to great many very curious and interesting things. my house and await the future mover yonder for to fotch me and you back to de Gen. Anderson. His mother, hearing of this Missip. De cat done gone. He-ah! he-ah!' arrangement, was better satisfied with it than "'Yes; but, you ole fool, dey'd got you if it she would have been if he had started out in not bin for me. I beg you afore you goes to go | some regiment; but she wept bitter tears at the thought of all her sons endangering their

> "She said to me: "'Daniel, if our whole family, or a greater part of them, shall be lost, who will remember it to our honor, and where will sympathy for us come from? You know the youth who fired the Ephesian Dome is remembered, while the

builder is forgotten.' "These words of my good wife are constantly ringing in my ears. How true! how true!" [To be continued.]

FOR THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE. SHILOH, 1862 AND 1885. (Dedicated to Gen. W. T. Sherman.) BY COL. JOHN A. JOYCE.

And this is Shiloh, where we fought For Freedon and her train; The Blue and Gray did what they thought Was right-and would again!

The giant oaks o'er swampy land Still grow and the gloom, And thunderstorms they yet withstand And wave above the tomb

Where many gallant forms are laid Beneath the silent sod-And all are leveled to one grade And equal near their God. Here, where the river runs along,

Pretruding bones I see Where once I stood amid the throng Near the tearing Tennessee. There, on the Corinth road I see The fire of a burning hell,

Where Sherman meets a molten sea And the roar of "the Rebel Yell." Up on the hilltop, stern and lone, Where the evening sunbeams slant, Like a pyramid, or man of stone,

Unmoved stands glorious Grant. But the Webster guns are booming On the left of our broken line, And the Buell boys are coming Like the roar of a mountain pine.

And Grant still stands in the dim light, Commanding the movements of all, Where somber shadows of midnight Come down like a funeral pall.

The wounded and dying are moaning, Like the sigh of a lonesome sea, And the rider and horse are groaning By the swamps of the Tennessee.

But up from the blood of battle A Goddess of grand array Proclaims o'er the cannons' rattle The Union of Blue and Gray-

A vision of loyal greeting-Many forms with outstretched hands I see through the shadows meeting In the star-lit shining lands.

FOR THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE. ULYSSES SIMPSON GRANT.

BY JOHN E. LANE, LIEUTENANT COMMANDER, STONE-WALL JACKSON CAMP, CONFEDERATE VETERANS, RICHMOND, VA.

United are we forever now, in this land of the free, Living in peace, fraternity, loyalty and charity. Yoked together in bonds of love! inseparable! for-Striving to forget the bitterness of the past! brother

to brother! Each patriot's heart of the Blue and the Gray joins in the chorus.

Singing the praises and virtues of the dead Chieftain before us. Son of America! Noblest of men! Thy heart beat for thy country entire.

Impervious to rancor! Magnanimous! With a soul

to inspire Men with thine own indomitable patriotic zeal and Peans of praise we of the Gray to the Blue our tribute bring, Salute thee, dead hero of a Nation; more than

feel badly; your husband's promotion will come | Of our hearts thou will continue forever on. Nations will name thee with immortal Washington, of the land!

King

"Requiescat in pace," until at Omnipotence's right hand command. Nitid like, Comrade! thou shall appear at Resur-

rection Day The Nation's loved one! Faithful servant of Him who led the way.

He Knew Her. [Pittsburg Chronicle Telegraph.]

He was tall and agricultural, she was short | counterfeiters lay in the uniform appearance of "I ain't afeered of the biggest man that walks," are all alike, except the name of the bank and he remarked. This sentence seemed to please the signatures of its officers which appear on to lead an army. They will have to burn all he had been pondering over his mother's him, and he repeated it. At last the wife arose each note. It is true that once every few years cities and assassinate every leading man who is dream. and said: "Pete!" "Eh?" "You know me?" the engraving upon the notes is changed, but

How Counterfeit Money Is Made and

Operators.

And the "Curiosity Shop" of the

Secret Service.

BY LT.-COL. W. F. HINMAN, 65TH OHIO. Some time ago an article in THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE described the process by which money is made at the Bureau of Engrav-ing and Printing. It is the purpose of the

writer to tell something about counterfeit money, how it is made and "shoved," as learned from the Secret Service of the Treasury Department. This Bureau of the Government occupies several rooms on the third floor of the Treasury Building. As may be imagined from its name, its business is to detect frauds upon the Government, of every kind, and particularly the counterfeiting of paper money, coin, bonds and revenue stamps. It has its secret agents and detectives-generally the shrewdest of their class-in every part of the country. The operations of all these are directed daily from the headquarters of the service here. The

reports of their operations. The Secret Service people will tell you, if



Many other things they will not tell you. Their information consists wholly of what has been done. If you inquire concerning any "job" that is being "worked up," you will be given to understand that that is none of your business. They will not tell you so in those exact words, but that is what they mean.

IT TAKES A "SMART" MAN to be a successful counterfeiter. We refer not so much to those whose part in the business is te "shove" it, which means to get it into circulation, as to those who engrave the plates for paper currency, or the dies for coin. Offenders of this class are very different from the ordinary run of law breakers, such as thieves and burglars. They are generally men of superior intelligence and education, keen, cunning and shrewd, who would be ornaments to society if their talents were directed into lawful channels of labor. They do, in fact, make their mark in the world, but it is upon the wrong side of the slate. They fully realize their constant danger from the sharp eyes of the Government detectives and the punishment that awaits them if caught; for the laws to protect the integrity of the currency are very stringent, and the penalties severe. It generally takes a "gang" of three or four to plan and manage a first-class scheme of counterfeiting. Every avenue of detection is most carefully guarded and the work is carried on with the greatest possible secrecy. In a majority of cases the skill, diligence and patience of the agents of the Secret Service are taxed to the utmost. Of necessity, in view of the class of men with whom they have to deal, these detectives are the most expert that can be found. None others need apply. Often months and even years are spent upon a single case before the rogues are secured.

DURING THE PAST 20 YEARS. The war was the great opportunity of the counterfeiters. The flood of new paper money issued by the Government and by the National Banks, which came so suddenly into existence, opened up to the rogues a great field of industry, and they made the most of it. Many excellent counterfeits soon made their appearance, including all the denominations of "scrip" or fractional paper currency. There was no trouble in getting the stuff into circulation. People would "take" anything that looked like money. Large quantities of it were floated

The amount of counterfeit paper money now

in circulation is said to be less than at any time



in the army. The Government had all it could well attend to in putting down the rebellion, and did not, very probably, put forth such efficient, organized effort in this direction as now. At the close of the war, and for a few years thereafter, the amount of counterfeit money in circulation was so large as to seriously debase They had come in from way back in a wagon, our currency. One great advantage to the "You bet." "Squat and shut up." And he at any given time all are uniform. It will readily be seen that with a single set of plates,